

## **Accountability and Transparency**

A key element in developing a successful statewide HIE is assuring an open and transparent process. To date, the State of Arkansas has maintained an open and transparent process and will continue to build open these efforts:

- All meetings of the Taskforce, Executive Committee, and Workgroups are open to the public. Meeting notices are posted on the Arkansas Recovery Website and email notifications are sent out as well. Further, all meeting materials are posted on the website for anyone to access. All meetings of the HIE Council and HIT/HIE Stakeholders' Forum will also be open and notices made to the public.
- The Workgroup process was is open to all to participate in, with Taskforce members and Executive Committee members able to self select into these groups as well as recruit other individuals that need to be involved in the process.
- The Department of Finance and Administration has provided regular updates and reports to the Arkansas General Assembly regarding all ARRA funding and the Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program

There is a website for the SHARE program through the Arkansas Recovery website that has up-to-date information on the project and once the Office of HIT is created, the website will transition over and continue to contain information on all activities related to HIT and HIE.

The Executive Committee has established ethical standards and all individuals participating in the Executive Committee, Taskforce members, and workgroups have signed disclosure forms.

The Governing body will develop a process for dispute resolution and adjudication of claims for those who violate any policies and laws related to HIE and the use of health information. Governance may also decide to adopt a common data use agreement for all participants in the HIE that will be flexible to evolve over time.